

ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 – 7:00 P.M.
CITY OF ALTOONA TRAINING FACILITY & COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, ALTOONA, PA

The Meeting was televised live on cable Public Access Channel 14 and re-broadcast Thursday, September 12, 2019.

CALL TO ORDER – by Mayor Pacifico at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers

SILENT MEDITATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL – taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer

Present: Council members Butterbaugh, Cacciotti, Cagle, Kelley, Neugebauer and Mayor Pacifico

Absent: Councilwoman Jordan

PRESENTATIONS

Proclamation presented to Dawn Morden of the Brian Morden Foundation for National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and Gold Ribbon Day

2018 Annual Audit Report – Dan Bradley, Young, Oakes Brown & Company

2020 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)-Omar Strohm, Finance Director
The 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) was presented by Omar Strohm, Finance Director. Mr. Strohm stated the presentation of this worksheet required no action by Council and the certification of the information to the Governing Body is a requirement by the end of September 2019; the contributions to the appropriate plans have to be made by December 31st.

Mayor Pacifico announced that resolution j and k were going to be added to this agenda and the City clerk read the resolutions into the record

ALL PUBLIC COMMENT

John Dutrovitch of 230 Ruskin Drive requested action to slow speeding on Ruskin Drive

Steve Elfelt of 116 Spruce Avenue provided information on a climate change gathering taking place on Sept. 20th from 12-1 at Heritage Plaza

Billie Witherow 3908 West Chestnut Avenue thanked Council for item i on this Agenda and asked for Council's vote

Richard Slitzker of 611 Ruskin Drive offered suggestions for Ruskin Drive speeding

Councilman Butterbaugh suggested that DPW continue with what they have planned for Ruskin Drive at this time

RESOLUTIONS

a)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Meeting held Wednesday, August 14, 2019. (0084-19)

b)approving the minutes of the Altoona City Council Worksession held Monday, August 26, 2019. (0085-19)

c)adopting the resolution and training guidelines attached hereto, in order to sustain the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the City of Altoona's official standard for Incident Management, and directing the City's Local Emergency Management Coordinator to reach complete training compliance under NIMS, and submit metrics assessment data to Blair County EMA, as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's annual guidelines. (0086-19)

d)awarding the 2019 Guide Rail Repair and Construction Project to Green Acres Contracting Company, Inc. of 148 Pennsylvania Avenue, Scottdale, PA 15683, in the amount of \$32,290.00, payable from the Capital Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0087-19)

e)authorizing Application for Traffic Signal with PennDOT for the replacement/update of traffic signal supports, controllers, detection systems and pedestrian signals at the following locations:

- 58th Street & California Avenue
- 58th Street & 6th Avenue
- Logan Boulevard & Arlaryd Street and Stewart Street

and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (TABLED)

f)awarding the Highway Yard Fleet Wash Bay HVAC Upgrades Project to Riley, Inc. of 2701 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601, in the amount of \$44,637.00, payable from the Capital Budget, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0088-19)

g)amending the 2018 Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Program to adjust estimated program income to reflect actual program income received between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. (0089-19)

h)appointing Jordan Settle of 1723 North 12th Avenue, Altoona, PA, to the AMED Authority to fill the unexpired term of Jeff Frank. Said term shall expire the first Monday of January, 2022. (0090-19)

i)authorizing the City Manager and DPW Director to prepare final plans and estimates for storm sewer drainage improvements in the 39th Street Area and

further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0091-19)

j) awarding the Union Avenue Curb & Sidewalk Project to Leonard S. Fiore, Inc., of 5506 6th Avenue, Rear, Altoona, PA 16602, in the amount of \$334,700.00, payable from City Funds, contingent upon the execution of a Developer's Agreement between Silk Mill Properties, Inc. and the City of Altoona, and the posting of financial security as required therein, and further authorizing the City Manager to execute all documents and the City Clerk to attest to same. (0092-19)

k) authorizing the City Manager to proceed with the refinancing of General Obligation Note Series of 2011, General Obligation Bond Series of 2014 and General Obligation Note Series of 2015. The present estimate of net savings is \$379,000 with a threshold minimum net savings of \$200,000. (0093-19)

City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer read the resolutions into the record; item e was tabled at this time at the request of DPW Director Nate Kissell; the consent vote was taken by the City Clerk on all items (excluding e) and passed 6 to 0; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

ORDINANCES

Adoption - Councilman Neugebauer

1)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA TO REVISE CHAPTER 633 ENTITLED "STREET VACATION" TO VACATE A PORTION OF 26TH STREET BETWEEN 7TH AVENUE AND UNNAMED ALLEY, ALTOONA, CONTAINING SIX HUNDRED SQUARE FEET, IN THE CITY OF ALTOONA, BLAIR COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA; REAFFIRM CHAPTER 633 AS AMENDED; PROVIDE SEVERABILITY AND REPEAL PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5749)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer.

Introduction – Councilman Neugebauer

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Neugebauer

Second – Councilman Butterbaugh

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 6 to 0; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

Adoption - Mayor Pacifico

2)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND AMONG THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF ALTOONA, THE COUNTY OF BLAIR, THE CITY OF ALTOONA AND THE ALTOONA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT; A

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; A REPEALER OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5750)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer.

Introduction – Mayor Pacifico

Motion for Adoption – Mayor Pacifico

Second – Councilman Cagle

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 6 to 0; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

Adoption - Mayor Pacifico

3)AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ALTOONA APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF LOGAN FOR THE PURPOSES OF CONSTRUCTING A SEWER LINE TO SERVICE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP, CONTENTS OF THE AGREEMENT; A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; A REPEALER OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (ORD. NO. 5751)

This ordinance was read into the record by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer.

Introduction – Mayor Pacifico

Motion for Adoption – Councilman Butterbaugh

Second – Councilman Neugebauer

The vote was taken by City Clerk Linda Rickens Schellhammer and passed 6 to 0; Councilwoman Jordan was absent

MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION ITEMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilman Kelley asked all to take a moment of silence to remember the lives lost on this day, September 11th, by coordinated terrorist attacks and also remember our brave first responders, both living and deceased, who were trying to save lives on that day

Councilman Cagle stated they must help the younger generations understand what happened on 9/11, how the U.S. responded, how the U.S. united as a country and how the U.S. remembers those who made the ultimate sacrifice

MEDIA – media attendance included Bill Kibler, *Altoona Mirror*

ADJOURNMENT – by Mayor Pacifico at 8:05 p.m.